

# THE EXPEDITION

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## Summertime in Muncie

Summer is here! For most of Ball State that means it's time to kick back, relax and enjoy some free time. Here at Outdoor Pursuits, we are working hard to get all of our trips, clinics, and other programs together so we can give you the best opportunities to Get *Outside* and Play when the Student Recreation and Wellness

It's only 42 short days until we open our doors, and we have lots to do between now and then! Our equipment has started to arrive, and we'd like to take this chance to pat ourselves on the back and say that we think we did a GREAT job picking and choosing the best of the best gear to bring the outdoors to you. Make sure you stop by to check out our equipment rental opportunities and sign up for a trip!



## Our Featured Products

This month, OP would like to introduce you to two of our MANY pieces of equipment that we'll be offering for rental at BSU Outdoor Pursuits (one "land" item and one "water" item). This issue's land item of choice is the Osprey Kestrel day pack. The Kestrel is ideal for any day outing, whether you're going on a hike through the forest, toting rock climbing gear, or heading out for a day of bird watching and picnicking. The Kestrel's suspension, comfy waist belt, and padded shoulder straps are sure to make for a pleasant day outdoors. In addition to the Osprey Kestrel, we'll have a number of other exciting rental opportunities including...



The Osprey Kestrel Daypack

The Stride Airlite Paddleboard and Airlite HD Paddleboards. These are the newest and most interesting way to hit the water. Stride Paddleboards are a great way to get out and see Indiana's lakes and rivers, and you'll get a great full-body workout in just a short day of paddling. If you're tired of the same old gym routine, come rent a Stride Paddleboard and get your workout while you have fun in the sun!!



Stride Paddleboards in Action

I can enjoy society in a room; but out of doors, nature is company enough for me. ~William Hazlitt



## Save these Dates!!

Our first trips are on the slate for the 2010 Fall Semester, and what better place to start than with most everyone's favorite—whitewater rafting!! Read on to find out where and when...

### September 3-6, 2010 (Labor Day Weekend):

Join us to start the semester off right and beat the heat as we head south to Tennessee's Ocoee River, where we'll spend a day running the river that hosted the kayak events for the Atlanta Olympics and a day playing in the mountains of eastern Tennessee. The Ocoee is without a doubt a world-class paddling destination featuring class III-IV rapids that will challenge both novice and experienced paddlers alike. Whether you're looking to test your current skills or learn something new, this trip is for you!!

### October 1-3, 2010:

Would you like to run some of the most exciting rapids on the east coast? Well then, join us on our Gauley River adventure for some of the most famous whitewater paddling in the United States. Our guides will lead us on a journey around rocks, over drops, and through waves as we try to tame one of the wildest and most scenic rivers you'll ever have a chance to see! You're sure to be challenged on the Gauley's class II-IV+ rapids, especially during the fall, when water levels are at their best!

**SIGN UP:** Starting August 18, you'll be able to sign up for our whitewater trips and other adventures, but **HURRY! SPACE WILL BE LIMITED AND TRIPS ARE SURE TO FILL QUICKLY!** Trip prices have yet to be determined, but you can learn more by checking out forthcoming editions of The Expedition or by contacting BSU Outdoor Pursuits.



## Exploring Indiana



We're sure busy in the office this summer, but for the entire month of July we'll be outside exploring Indiana and our neighboring states. We're looking to find the best of the best places to go on our trips. Is there a place you'd like us to scout or learn more about? What "hidden gems" do you think would be a great destination for some of our Outdoor Pursuits trips and other programs? We'd love to hear your thoughts and suggestions. So far we're planning on hitting the obvious destinations, but we hope our readers can point us in the direction of some of the less crowded, yet equally beautiful destinations the region has to offer!

A short list of the places we'll be visiting:  
Whitewater: play parks in Springfield, OH and South Bend, IN  
Mountain Biking: Brown County State Park, IN  
Rock Climbing: John Bryan State Park, OH  
Canoeing: Chain 'o Lakes State Park, IN  
Backpacking: Hoosier National Forest, IN

Now it's your turn! Throw out some ideas. We want to hear what



Those  
who dwell  
among the  
beauties  
and  
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of the  
earth are  
never  
alone or  
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life.  
~Rachel  
Carson



## We've Moved!

We loved our old office in Ball Gym, but summer has brought us to our new office in the Field Sports Building. We've also got a new phone number. You can now reach us at **(765) 285-4170**. Our new home means one thing—our next move will be into the new SRWF to prepare for its opening on August 18! We can't wait!

## THE EXPEDITION Subscription

To be the first to know the latest gossip on Outdoor Pursuits, join our email listserv! Don't worry we won't fill your inbox, plan to receive no more than 2 emails a month! To stay in the loop, e-mail us at [outdrpursuit@bsu.edu](mailto:outdrpursuit@bsu.edu) and type "subscribe to newsletter" in the subject line.

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